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Jury Finds D.C. Man Guilty of Brutal Stabbing Murder

WASHINGTON - After a nearly two-week trial, a District of Columbia Superior Court jury has found Levon Williams, 22, also known as "Psycho," a Northwest Washington, D.C. man, guilty of one count of Murder in the Second Degree while Armed, and one count of Carrying a Deadly Weapon, in connection with the murder of Ronald Thompson in April of 2008, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today. The jury returned their verdict on October 20, 2009. Williams will be sentenced on December 18, 2009, by the Honorable Judge Geoffrey Alprin. At sentencing, Williams faces a maximum statutory penalty of 40 years in jail.

According to evidence presented at trial, on the night of April 21, 2008, Levon Williams entered an apartment where the decedent, Ronald Thompson, 18, was staying in the Tyler House, a high-rise apartment building located at 1200 North Capitol Street, NW. Williams approached Thompson and began stabbing him – striking him at least nine times. Despite being fatally injured in this attack, Thompson survived long enough to flee his apartment. Residents and visitors to the Tyler House observed an obviously-injured Thompson running for his life down a hallway, and also saw Williams following closely behind, holding a knife in his right hand. As the victim ran, he screamed repeatedly "Psych, stop playing." Shortly before 1:00 a.m., residents of the Tyler House discovered Ronald Thompson lying face down in a pool of blood in a stairwell that lead directly from the hallway in which he was seen fleeing from Williams. Police responded immediately, but Thompson had already passed when they found him.

In announcing the verdict, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Darin March, Anthony McGee, Dwayne Corbett, and Wayne Marable, and Officer Rodney Anderson for their outstanding investigation and help in securing the testimony of numerous witnesses for trial. He also praised the U.S. Attorney's Office staff who assisted in the successful prosecution of the case, including Paralegal Specialist Lynette Briggs, Litigation Specialist Leif Hickling, Intelligence Analyst Larry Grasso, Victim Advocate Marcia Rinker, and Witness Security Specialists Debra Cannon and Michael Hailey. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Alexandra Foster, who investigated and indicted the case,

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and Jocelyn Ballantine, who prosecuted the case at trial.

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